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it were there an unencumbered. The money is invested. There is no loss to the state. I know that, and you know that. The purpose and the full purpose, the thrust and the full thrust, and I certainly want the members that are most vitally affected in the Sarpy-Douglas County area to understand that the purpose in taking it out is to take the state off of record in terms of their commitment of the project. I think that we have to be candid about that. If that is the understanding and if that is what it is, those who are advocating it should say so. They ought to make it clear. I want to make it clear that I oppose it. Not only do I oppose it I vigorously oppose it. This is a slick slight of hand move to get the state out of a commitment out of that very valuable project and I resent it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I think that Senator Lewis has said about everything that can be said on it. There is just one thing, we are going to have several dams coming in across the State of Nebraska and they are going to have a recreational project along with them, and there has to be some entity of government supporting that recreation. If it isn't, the dam will never be built. I know that Senator Dickinson opposes the dam in Sarpy or Douglas and Sarpy County and that is alright. That is his privilege. One thing that you must remember is that....and Senator Clark I was very amazed to see you get excited this morning, because on the floor of the Legislature I have never seen you ever use a word like you used this morning, which is all right. Senator Clark, I'm going to support the Norden Dam project and if it takes \$200,000 or \$500,000 or a million dollars, I'm still going to support putting the money in there so that when that dam comes up and it can be built and they know that the money is going to be there for recreation which makes it possible. I hope that you will support that and withdraw this motion that you have which I think is very bad. Senator Clark, I think that you see and understand what we are trying to do. We are trying to maintain getting the federal money for dams in this state that are needed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I tried to get this point across the other day with Senator Marvel and I think that I failed. I think now that this whole bill represents about 40 million dollars, not just the Clark amendment, the whole bill we are talking about 40 million dollars. My point was, where is that 40 million dollars? Where is that 40 million dollars? Does it exist? Senator Lewis just indicated that yes, it is sitting there in the state drawing interest. Senator Marvel yesterday said that 40 million dollars has already been distributed to various subdivisions and that is where it sits. The point is that the 40 million dollars is not a reality. It is not in existence. The state does not have this 40 million dollars to reappropriate this year. This I would suggest to you is what we call an expressed or an implied obligation.